

agency and those other agencies tasked to assist them.

Chief Gloria Chavez leads her force along the El Paso Sector with incredible tenacity, courage, compassion, and great energy. The team of agents under her command are doing an excellent job in a nearly impossible situation. These terrific people are overwhelmed because of the dangerous and inhumane policies now coming from Washington. I am grateful to Chief Chavez and her team for their insights.

Human trafficking is a nonpartisan issue. We must come together to stop it. We must finish the border wall, improve barrier technology around the wall, and we must reform this disastrous immigration policy.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF DENNIS CAPRARA

(Mr. PANETTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, the Salad Bowl of the world lost a key ingredient this week with the sudden passing of Dennis Caprara. In his 74 years, Dennis contributed so much to our leading industry of agriculture and our fundamental identity in the Salinas Valley.

A true local boy, Dennis grew up in Gonzales, grew fond of farming, and grew to appreciate the hard work and sound judgment necessary to succeed in agriculture.

Starting RC Farms and RC Packing, Dennis and his family became the definition of what it means to be a successful family farm.

But Dennis was not just a farmer, he was a leader; chairman of the Grower-Shipper Association, director of the Salinas Valley River Coalition, and a distinguished fellow at a local college.

Dennis also gave back to the community that gave him so much; as a member of the Swiss Rifle Club, and always attending the local livestock auctions where he and his wife, Janice, were active bidders, supporting the kids of 4H and FFA.

Dennis was a friend and a mentor to many, including myself. And although he often fondly called me a donkey, not necessarily referring to my political party, he offered so much more to those who knew him, who worked with him, who listened to him, and who loved him.

Madam Speaker, today we mourn the loss of Dennis Caprara. But because of Dennis, every day we realize that the Salad Bowl of life tastes so good, not just because of its products, but also because of its people.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LA HABRA CHIEF OF POLICE JERRY PRICE

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer some words of appreciation to someone in my 39th Congressional District in California who deserves special Congressional recognition.

For 30 years, La Habra Chief of Police Jerry Price has unselfishly served and protected our community in the La Habra Police Department.

Chief Price joined the La Habra Police Department in 1991 and quickly rose through the ranks across multiple bureaus, most recently serving as chief of police for the past 8 years.

Chief Price always set an example for other officers and the community, always having a positive attitude and serving with pride. He also has actively mentored and prepared others for success in law enforcement.

It is because of these admirable qualities that Chief Price has earned many awards and accolades, not only from the La Habra community, but also from other outside law enforcement agencies.

I thank Chief Jerry Price for his 30 years of service and the past 8 years as chief of police, and I offer my sincere congratulations on his retirement.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MRS. FRANCES PERCIVAL

(Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Mrs. Frances Percival, who has dedicated 63 years of her life to the students of Millwood School District.

Mrs. Percival began her service in 1958 as a volunteer with the Millwood School District, and then served in the Parent Teacher Association for several years. She was affectionately known as "Mrs. P" and a "homeroom mother".

Fifty-one years ago, Mrs. P made the decision to run for the school board and was successful. In her five decades on the board, she was the recipient of many awards, including the National School Boards Association Award for Distinguished Service.

In addition to being a strong leader, Mrs. Percival said her mission was to teach Millwood students to appreciate life and show respect for humanity.

Madam Speaker, we should let Mrs. Percival's story be an inspiration for us all to focus on improving the lives of our children, our communities, and our schools.

Individuals like Mrs. Percival hold together schools and communities across this Nation. I thank Mrs. P for her years of service, and I wish her the best in her well-deserved retirement.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. JACOBS of California.) Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Texas (Mr.

GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I saw one study that indicated that these masks are very helpful; that, by wearing a mask, you have two-tenths of 1 percent less chance of getting COVID. So hurray for that two-tenths of 1 percent, especially for those of us who have had it or have had vaccinations. But I look forward to getting our freedom back at some point.

But you can't have a free society if the media is dishonest. When the Founders fought for the right to have free media, they anticipated that there should always be a majority of the media who would be willing to expose media who were dishonest.

But we are living in a dangerous time, when what used to be called the mainstream media is anything but honest; and that was played out before our very eyes and ears as Project Veritas had a CNN—well, as this article says—a CNN head, but he had leadership, and he admitted quite a great deal about the abuses of CNN, the manipulateness of CNN.

This article from The Epoch Times—which, by the way, is under fire from the Chinese Communist Party, so since this administration seems to side with the Chinese Communist Party a great deal, they may be coming after The Epoch Times the way the Chinese Communist Party is. But we will wait and see if that happens.

But this story, dated April 14, says a CNN head has personally intervened to order the cable network staff to display the number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the broadcast, according to a CNN technical director who was caught on hidden camera making the comments. The goal was to boost ratings, the director said, explaining fear really drives numbers and is the thing that keeps you tuned in.

That is rather tragic.

A former segregationist President, Democrat, named Franklin D. Roosevelt, had said, quite eloquently: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." And he was right that that should be a big concern.

But what we are hearing from the undercover tape is that CNN sees fear as the best way to increase ratings.

So another article from The Gateway Pundit: "CNN director caught on hidden camera saying the network is 'trying to help' BLM by only pushing stories that implicate White people."

Well, that is unfortunate. What that shows is that CNN doesn't mind being racist. It is very unfortunate that we would stir up that kind of animosity; have a major news network, or what used to be a major news network, CNN, pushing racist divides.

Madam Speaker, I have been joined by a friend—hopefully, she doesn't mind me calling her a friend because that is the way I see her—from New York, an extraordinary Member of Congress. I am thrilled she is back.

I yield to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY).